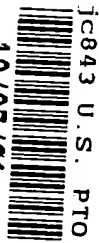


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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

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**Continuing Application Information:**

- ☐ Continuation      ☐ Divisional      ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
- ☐ Prior U.S. Application Serial No.: [\*], filed [date.] [, which is a [Continuation-in-Part] of U.S. Application Serial No. [\*], filed [date.] [, which is now issued as U.S. Patent No. [\*]], and [are/is] hereby incorporated by reference.

**Prior Application Information:**

- ☐ Examiner: [\*]
- ☐ Group/Art Unit: [\*]

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ Application transmittal containing Fee Calculation and Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail".
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$430.00 to cover the application filing fee.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
- ☒ Specification, Claims 1-22 and Abstract of the Disclosure (14 total page).
- ☒ Drawings (1 set, 2 total sheets).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 document) (2 total pages).
- ☒ Copy of newly-executed original.
- ☐ Copy[ies] from a prior application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d).

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- ☐ Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) (where there is an Assignee).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449.
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations.
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently in the prior application.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Petition to Make Special Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).
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- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee Calculation:**

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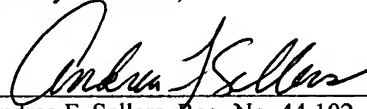
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 and 1.53(a), Applicants respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of December 27, 2001, the date upon which the Application was mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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